

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

(Caption of Case)

In Re: Georgia Business Net Telecommunications

BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COVER SHEET

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☐ Emergency Relief demanded in petition

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☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**INDUSTRY (Check one)**

**NATURE OF ACTION (Check all that apply)**

☐ Electric

☐ Affidavit

☐ Letter

☐ Request

☐ Electric/Gas

☐ Agreement

☐ Memorandum

☐ Request for Certification

☐ Electric/Telecommunications

☐ Answer

☐ Motion

☐ Request for Investigation

☐ Electric/Water

☐ Appellate Review

☐ Objection

☐ Resale Agreement

☐ Electric/Water/Telecom.

☐ Application

☐ Petition

☐ Resale Amendment

☐ Electric/Water/Sewer

☐ Brief

☐ Petition for Reconsideration

☐ Reservation Letter

☐ Gas

☐ Certificate

☐ Petition for Rulemaking

☐ Response

☐ Railroad

☐ Comments

☐ Petition for Rule to Show Cause

☐ Response to Discovery

☐ Sewer

☐ Complaint

☐ Petition to Intervene

☐ Return to Petition

☒ Telecommunications

☐ Consent Order

☐ Petition to Intervene Out of Time

☒ Stipulation

☐ Transportation

☐ Discovery

☐ Prefiled Testimony

☐ Subpoena

☐ Water

☐ Exhibit

☐ Promotion

☐ Tariff

☐ Water/Sewer

☐ Expedited Consideration

☐ Proposed Order

☐ Other:

☐ Administrative Matter

☐ Interconnection Agreement

☐ Protest

☐ Other:

☐ Interconnection Amendment

☐ Publisher's Affidavit

☐ Late-Filed Exhibit

☐ Report

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA

Docket No. 2009-500-C

Re: Application of Georgia Business Net Telecommunications )  
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to )  
Provide Facilities-based and Resold Local Exchange and )  
Intrastate, Interexchange Telecommunications and Data )  
Communications Services in the State of South Carolina )  
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**STIPULATION**

The South Carolina Telephone Coalition ("SCTC") (see attachment "A" for list of companies) and Georgia Business Net Telecommunications, LLC ("Georgia Business Net") hereby enter into the following stipulations. As a consequence of these stipulations and conditions, SCTC does not oppose Georgia Business Net's Application. SCTC and Georgia Business Net stipulate and agree as follows:

1. SCTC does not oppose the granting of a statewide Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Georgia Business Net, provided the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("Commission") makes the necessary findings to justify granting of such a certificate, and provided the conditions contained within this stipulation are met.
2. Georgia Business Net stipulates and agrees that any Certificate which may be granted will authorize Georgia Business Net to provide service only to customers located in non-rural local exchange company ("LEC") service areas of South Carolina, except as provided herein.
3. Georgia Business Net stipulates that it is not asking the Commission to make a finding at this time regarding whether competition is in the public interest for rural areas.
4. Georgia Business Net stipulates and agrees that it will not provide any local service, by its own facilities or otherwise, to any customer located in a rural incumbent LEC's service area,

unless and until Georgia Business Net provides such rural incumbent LEC and the Commission with written notice of its intent to do so at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the intended service. During such notice period, the rural incumbent LEC will have the opportunity to petition the Commission to exercise all rights afforded it under Federal and State law. Also, Georgia Business Net acknowledges that the Commission may suspend the intended date for service in rural LEC territory for ninety (90) days while the Commission conducts any proceeding incident to the Petition or upon the Commission's own Motion, provided that the Commission can further suspend the implementation date upon showing of good cause.

5. Georgia Business Net stipulates and agrees that, if Georgia Business Net gives notice that it intends to serve a customer located in a rural incumbent LEC's service area, and either (a) the Commission receives a Petition from the rural incumbent LEC to exercise its rights under Federal or State law within such 30-day period, or (b) the Commission institutes a proceeding of its own, then Georgia Business Net will not provide service to any customer located within the service area in question without prior and further Commission approval.

6. Georgia Business Net acknowledges that any right which it may have or acquire to serve a rural telephone company service area in South Carolina is subject to the conditions contained herein, and to any future policies, procedures, and guidelines relevant to such proposed service which the Commission may implement, so long as such policies, procedures, and guidelines do not conflict with Federal or State law.

7. The parties stipulate and agree that all rights under Federal and State law are reserved to the rural incumbent LECs and Georgia Business Net, and this Stipulation in no way suspends or adversely affects such rights, including any exemptions, suspensions, or modifications to which they may be entitled.

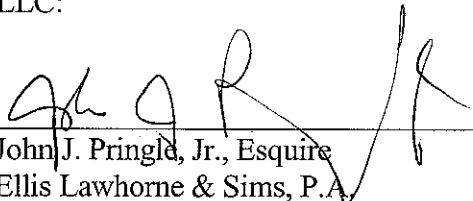
8. Georgia Business Net agrees to abide by all State and Federal laws and to participate, to the extent it may be required to do so by the Commission, in the support of universally available telephone service at affordable rates.

9. Georgia Business Net hereby amends its application and its prefiled testimony in this docket to the extent necessary to conform with this Stipulation.

AGREED AND STIPULATED to this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February,

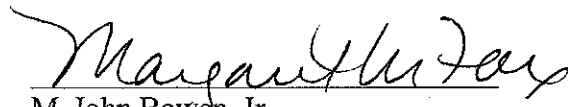
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## ATTACHMENT A

### South Carolina Telephone Coalition Member Companies for Purposes of Local Service Stipulation

Chesnee Telephone Company  
Chester Telephone Company  
Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  
Ft. Mill Telephone Company  
Home Telephone Company, Inc.  
Lancaster Telephone Company  
Lockhart Telephone Company  
McClellanville Telephone Company  
Norway Telephone Company  
Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  
Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  
Pond Branch Telephone Company  
Ridgeway Telephone Company  
Rock Hill Telephone Company  
Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  
St. Stephen Telephone Company  
West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  
Williston Telephone Company

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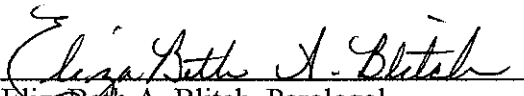
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I, ElizaBeth A. Blich, do hereby certify that I have this date served one (1) copy of the foregoing Stipulation upon the following party of record by causing said copy to be deposited with the United States Postal Service, first class postage prepaid and affixed thereto, and addressed as follows:

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